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FIRST DAY.

Friday, 23rd December, 1881.

FIRST RACE.—1 P.M.—"Junior Sculls."

For Single Pair Sculling Boats. Entrance, \$5. Distance, One Mile. Prize, "Brokers' Cup." Open to any one who has never won a Sculling Race in China or Japan.

SECOND RACE.—1.30 P.M.—For Gigs pulled by European Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of any Regiment or Corps in Garrison, or by European Members of the Police Force. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Outrigger Boats excluded.

THIRD RACE.—2 P.M.—The "Chairman's Cup." For Four-Oared Canton Cutters. Distance, One mile-a-half. Entrance, \$10.

FOURTH RACE.—2.30 P.M.—For Men-of-war's Gigs and Whalers. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Time allowed for Oars, 8 seconds per Oar.

FIFTH RACE.—3 P.M.—"German Cup." To be rowed in Canton Fours. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$10.

SIXTH RACE.—3.30 P.M.—For House Boats. "Gigs Pulled by Chinamen." Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Time for Oars, 6 seconds per Oar.

SEVENTH RACE.—4 P.M.—"Ladies' Purse." For pair Oared Outrigger Gigs. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$5.

SAILED RACE.—For Men-of-war's Boats, any Rig. Entrance, \$2. First Prize, \$20; Second, \$10.

SAILING RACE.—For Sailing Ships' Boats only. Entrance, \$2. First Prize, \$20; Second, \$10.

YACHT RACE.—For All Yachts. Entrance, \$5. Time for Tonnage. Cup presented by the Victoria Recreation Club.

SECOND DAY.

Saturday, 24th December, 1881.

FIRST RACE.—1 P.M.—For Gigs pulled by European Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of any Regiment or Corps in Garrison, or by European Members of the Police Force. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Winner of Second Race on first day, and Outrigger Boats excluded.

SECOND RACE.—1.30 P.M.—International Race. "Challenge Cup," with presentation prize given by the Merchants and Steam Navigation Companies of Hongkong. For Four-Oared Canton Cutters. Distance, One Mile. This Cup to be won two consecutive years before being finally held. Entrance, \$10.

THIRD RACE.—2 P.M.—For House Boats. "Gigs pulled by Chinamen." Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Winner of Second Race on first day, and Outrigger Boats excluded.

FOURTH RACE.—2.30 P.M.—"American Cup." To be rowed in Canton Fours. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$10.

FIFTH RACE.—3 P.M.—For Men-of-war's Cutters. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$10. No time allowed for Oars.

SIXTH RACE.—3.30 P.M.—For Pair-Oared Outrigger Gigs. Cup presented by Victoria Recreation Club. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$5. Winner of Ladies' Purse excluded.

Since the Spaniards took possession of Soerabaja, the natives have never ceased to give trouble to their conquerors by occasionally approaching the Spanish fortifications, sometimes in strong bodies, and firing a few shots, but invariably they have received a hot reception which compelled them to retreat with heavy losses. Now the country is more quiet, and under date of November 16th, a correspondent writes to the *Diario de Manila* as follows:—

"Nothing is said now about the fanatics. I am told, nevertheless, we cannot believe that the fanaticism has altogether disappeared, but it is owing no doubt to the bad results obtained by those who have approached us and the superstitious terror with which the Remingtons of our soldiers have affected them. The new Governor, Señor Gutierrez, soon came to obtain complete victory, which was almost certain to a man of his character. The date Pula, who had never come to the town, has received in his fortifications the visit of Colonel Gutierrez, and consented, at the instance of the Colonel, to accompany him with his entourage. This is a victory, and will not perhaps be the last, as it is not improbable that the Sultan will find himself bound to visit the Governor in his own dwelling."

REMARKS ON THE LOSS OF THE CLAN MACLEOD.

In the list of persons drowned in the *Clan Macleod* are the names of a Mr. and Miss Akhurst of London, described as unknown. Miss Akhurst was, no London correspondent says, the "Miss Lester" of Miss Edith Wilson's ill-fated theatrical party. She was the daughter of a wealthy family, and was a very beautiful young woman, more than that she should live at home at ease. But the young lady contracted a passion for the stage, and when she decided on coming to India with Miss Edith Wilson's troupe, her father bore her company, to ensure her protection and safe conduct. It is a sad episode in an altogether sad story.

REMARKS ON THE PROBABLE OUTCOME OF THE INDIAN EXPORTS. Mr. Morgan and Co. report that the value of the Indian exports for the principal articles, to the extent of 43,000,000 lbs. On this quantity, we may fairly have an estimate as to what the export to the United Kingdom is likely to be for the Season of 1881. These returns would indicate that the total quantity of goods to be exported to the United Kingdom is not more than 100,000,000 lbs. (which was forty-six and a half millions). Putting down the exports to the Australian Colonies and America at three-quarters of a million pounds (which amount at least we have every reason to believe will be shipped), and putting down for country consumption the value of the goods at 100,000,000 lbs., we have a total of forty-six million pounds. —Englishman.

THE GOVERNOR OF KUEICHOW seems to be of a sanguine temperament, to the judge from the following extracts from the *Peking Gazette*, in which he promulgates a most elaborate scheme for the regeneration of the "Ever Victorious Army"—

The Governor of Kueichow reports that he proposes to establish a corps, consisting of two hundred officers of strong physique and approved dexterity in martial exercises, with instructions to put the province under a regular course of drill and military tactics. The officers in question will receive extra remuneration for their services in this department, and will each be furnished with a government horse. The Lieutenant-Colonel of the Governor's Brigade will be given the command of the company thus constituted, and the Governor will himself be present at the drill once a month, and will distribute rewards among the more deserving of the soldiers. The emulation thus engendered among the troops cannot fail, in the Governor's opinion, to be productive of the most beneficial results. Memorialists further propose to make selections from the Government instructions which have from time to time been issued in relation to the art of war, and to combine with these a short comparison of ancient and modern strategy, which will cause to be printed and read to the troops by their commanding officers during the intervals of relaxation from active exercise. The Governor will supplement these lectures by a full exposition of the aphorism, and at intervals which will be monthly reviews, exhorting the soldiers to be loyal and true, and inciting them to deeds of bravery. In this way, by constant personal contact with the men, he will soon be able to distinguish between the valiant and the worthless characters, and advance the former in proportion to their merits. At the same time, the more deserving will be rewarded by a steady discipline and a greater amenability to discipline will be instilled into the minds of the soldiers at large.

THE ENGLISHMAN publishes the following about Sir W. Lawson, the "funny man" of the House of Commons:—

Sir Wilfrid Lawson is well known as a humorist of considerable power. He is one of the very few men that, no matter what the subject of the day, he is able to speak at the times will send a special correspondent to gather up the good things that usually fall from his lips. It may not, however, be so generally known, that his power of rapturous verse-making is considerable, and that he is never at a loss for a quotation. Some of these verses are in private circulation. The last is an epitaph on one of his short-horns, a herd of which he keeps up, and for many of which he pays fabulous prices. The epitaph was called *Baron Devon* and was read by the Duke of Devonshire, and passed into Sir Wilfrid Lawson's possession for a long price. The animal was a useful and handsome one, but unfortunately it took ill and died: here is the epitaph.

"Here lies Baron Orford, quiet and cool,
Bred by a Duke, and bought by a fool."

With regard to the following paragraph from the *United Service Gazette*, it seems to us unlikely that the route from Siberia referred to is the one to which the Russians are desirous of diverting their overland trade. The steamer *Britannia*, which was believed, originally intended to carry tea from Hankow to Vladivostok, and up a river in the neighborhood of that station to a point which would have made the land carriage to Amoor very short. The heavy transport charges recently imposed by the Russian Government have recently brought this route into consideration, and it was broken up, and the fact that the Russian officers were told by the British that the route would be serviceable to the commercial as well as to the military interests of their country.

It is impossible not to admire the address which the Russians display in obtaining

information of a military or political character. The position of the Amoor is well known to the Russians, and the Pacific, and thus cut off a large part of China from the coast, which was the object in view when the Russians annexed it. On the other hand, Manchuria cut off the South Amoor from direct communication with Central Siberia. So much is this the case that while the Russian road from the Trans-Baikal region to Vladivostok is 3,000 miles, a short cut right through Manchuria is less than half that distance. The Russians know less about this short route than they would like, so a few months ago they dressed up some staff officers as horse dealers, and sent them into China with a herd of horses, bound for Vladivostok. Their object was to obtain information of the route, and the Intelligence Department is now in possession of full information of a route that would be largely made use of in the event of a Russo-Chinese war. —N. C. D. News.

LAWN TENNIS.

At a match at Lawn Tennis was played on the Cricket Ground this afternoon between

Lieutenant J. G. Mayne, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, and Mr. A. B. Tomkins of Hongkong; and Lieutenant R. S. Hadley, Royal Engineers, and Mr. J. G. R. d'Almeida of Singapore, the former couple winning by 3 sets to 1, being the best of 5 sets. A considerable number of spectators were present, and much interest was displayed in the match.

The following were the results:—

First set—Hongkong, 6 games.
Singapore, 2
Second set—Singapore, 6
Hongkong, 2
Third set—Hongkong, 6
Singapore, 3
Fourth set—Hongkong, 6
Singapore, 3

Considerable surprise was expressed at the collapse of the Singaporeans, and it was hoped that a return match might shortly be played, when an opportunity would be given them of again trying conclusions with their opponents.

Law Notice.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

(Before the Hon. Francis Smeeth, Acting Chief Justice.)
IN BANKRUPTCY.—Friday, 16th Dec., 11 a.m.—In the matter of P. A. C. Hahn, a bankrupt; bankrupt to come up for his adjourned last examination.

Police Intelligence.

(Before Frederick Stewart, Esq.)

Thursday, Dec. 16th.

LAWSON.

Wong A-po, a boatman, was charged with stealing a chopper valued at fifty cents, on the 15th instant.

Wong Fok Chang, master of a cargo boat, was charged with stealing a chopper on the 14th instant.

Defendant said he went to complainant's house to borrow a few chairs for his son, but as he was refused he took the chopper to himself.

Ten days' imprisonment with hard labour.

PUBLIC GAMBLING.

Chan-Asz, and ten others, were charged with public gambling on the 14th instant in a house in Circular Quay.

Inspector Macdonald went to No. 27, Circular Quay, yesterday afternoon, in company with Inspector Lindsay and a party of police. He entered the house by virtue of a warrant he held, and found the whole of the defendants standing round a table.

On the table were arranged a mat with dice, dominoes, counters, money, scales, cups, and a tin of tea.

The money was in a cup in front of the first prisoner who was managing the game, and the second prisoner was taking charge of the counters.

Witness succeeded in getting into the house before any attempt was made to escape. None of the defendants belong to the house, and there was no furniture in the place except a sleeping bench.

Cheung Ting, a bricklayer unemployed, said he had gone to the same house on the 13th instant and there found over twenty men gambling. The first defendant was conducting the game on that occasion, and the second acted as banker. Witness lost \$1.20, and reported the matter to the police the next day.

The excuses of the several defendants were of the usual varied character, paying for amusement, looking for friends, &c.

First defendant was fined \$100, or six months' imprisonment with hard labour; the second and seventh, who had a previous conviction, \$50 or four months' imprisonment with hard labour; and the remainder \$10 each or six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

The money found in the place was also ordered to be forfeited, and \$10 of the fines, if paid, to be given to the informer.

AN INDESTRUCTIBLE BOAT AND VAGABOND.

John Murray, a seaman unemployed, was charged with being a rogue and vagabond.

Sergeant Hennessey said he found defendant lying asleep in Upper Lascar Row at half past two o'clock this morning.

He had known defendant for four years, and during that time he had been in and out of prison many times for drunkenness and vagrancy.

Defendant admitted that he was lying in the street, and also the previous convictions recorded against him.

Three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

NO JURISDICTION.

Cheung Anam, an accountant, was charged on suspicion of the larceny of \$308 on board the steamship *Hellon* on the 13th instant.

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